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AMENDMENT

Assistant Director of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 9/29/04 indicating that the Amendment filed 6/21/04 was not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c), section (4), enclosed is a revised Amendment properly indicating the canceled claims.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Director of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on *20 9/24/04*

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